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R. R. Commission and Graft.

The railroad commission of Nevada has performed good service, it is still performing good service, and will undoubtedly continue to do so, provided it is left as it now stands. However, the senate committee, to which the proposed public utility bill has been referred, would saddle upon the railroad commission the work of regulating the sale of gas and electricity and of naming the price to be charged. The measure, as introduced by Fullmer, would place the power of fixing rates and regulating quality in the hands of the city councils, boards of county commissioners or governing bodies of unincorporated towns. The Bonanza wishes to go on record as being in favor of the regulation of all public service corporations. They need regulation and need it badly. The Bonanza is also in favor of such regulation being in the hands of the local commissioners, the men most competent to judge the needs of the different localities. The men who are personally acquainted with any overcharges that are being made. And the Bonanza will freely admit that overcharges are now being made.

However, the railroad commission is no body in whom to invest the power of regulating these matters. That commission has sufficient to attend to and give the state the best results. It is now and always has been a non-political body. It was maintained non-political by the democratic administration. And while the Bonanza is a republican newspaper, nevertheless it insists on giving to the late democratic administration all possible praise for its handling of the railroad commission. Not so with the present legislature. By giving to the commission the power to regulate the public service corporations the legislature will at the same time institute a new political body. A body that will be amenable to "graft." A body that will shortly become the tool of the public service corporations that it was formed to control. Nevada will take her place alongside of California during the past fifty years and be overridden by the Southern Pacific political machine and machines that make of governments the tools of their masters.

Before it is too late it will be well for the members of the legislature to seriously consider the grievous wrong they are about to perpetrate upon a body of men who are deserving of their strongest support. With the contemplated action taken, the railroad commission will be made instrumental by public service corporations, to elect the next governor of the state, the next senate and the next assembly.

Let the People Decide.

The roll of the wheel and the turn of the box are rapidly becoming but a memory in the state of Nevada, and as a consequence, the picturesque attractiveness of a mining camp, for the eastern "tenderfoot" is now a thing of the past. The result is that eastern capital and eastern investors are shunning a country that they once sought to enter at any cost. As a consequence considerable of the mining properties are rapidly falling into a state of innocuous desuetude, bringing as a further result a depreciation in the value of all property in the mining sections of the state and necessarily an increase of 50 per cent to the taxpayer who is willing to remain in a mining camp, or who is compelled to remain by reason that there he has his all.

The Bonanza is not endeavoring to make a defense for open gambling, but must insist that the quietus came at least twenty years before it was due. Open gambling is, for the present at least, dead. Nevertheless gambling still flourishes all over the state—under cover—the follower of the Goddess of Fortune may still lose his money, of course, provided he is personally known by the conductor of the game, but the county reaps no reward as in the olden days. As a result many of the counties are being placed on a script basis, and from present indications, it will be but a matter of time before they are compelled to repudiate their script.

In the face of such conditions in the mining section of the state the Reno delegation in the legislature propose to introduce a bill asking for a \$10,000 appropriation for the purpose of booming the "divorce center." Furthermore, that bill, according to all reports, has every chance of an early passage. Why should Reno, for the propaganda of a much greater evil than gambling, i. e., divorce, receive \$10,000 for "boom" purposes, while other sections are compelled to issue script? Far be it from the Bonanza to deny to the metropolis of the state one penny that would further the best interests of the entire state, or even for the one city or county. But, like treatment should be accorded the

other sections. The mining camps do not ask one penny of the legislature, only that they be allowed to run and operate simply as "mining camps." Be allowed to sustain a reputation that has made for the success of the entire state of Nevada.

Should the legislature be sincere in its crusade against gambling, why not allow the people an opportunity to declare themselves on the subject. Put the matter up to the voting public, and in the event that it is the sense of the polls that gambling shall be no more, all well and good. On the other hand, should the people decide that the old days were better, let us once more hear the rattle of the chips across the green cloth, and revert to the conditions that have off been depicted on poem and song. The conditions that have made for Nevada a name around the entire world. Twenty years from now it may be well to adopt puritanical ideas, but at the present time this state is too young, too undeveloped for any such a move.

A measure now before the legislature would allow the people the referendum and the recall. Adopt the bill Mr. Solons and then submit the gambling question. The public is the effected party and should have the privilege of deciding a question of such vast importance to the entire state.

From the revenue lost from gaming licenses an increase of 50 per cent in taxes must follow in many counties in the state. The high tax rates drives capital from our doors and it is invested in other states.

Why Ignore Mining?

Wilson of Nye county has introduced in the assembly a bill to create a bureau of industry, agriculture and irrigation. A substitute bill is also before the legislature, differing only in the method of regulating the bureau. Surveyor General Charles L. Deady and C. A. Norcross, private secretary to Governor Oddie, have appeared before the assembly and made speeches in favor of the substitute measure, fathered by Denton of Lincoln county. In neither of the addresses was a suggestion made that "mining" should be included in the title of the bureau.

Aside, possibly, from divorce, mining has done more to spread the name of Nevada throughout the world than any single item of the industry of the state. Much more so than agriculture.

Therefore, why is it not fitting and proper that mining should share a place in this proposed bureau? She is entitled to it. And the original bill, coming from Wilson of Nye county, a man representing a strictly mining community, it is surprising that he should not have thought of the work that places the bread and butter in the mouths of those men who sent him to Carson City to work in their interests. It might be well for the committee that "draws" this "industry" measure to incorporate the word "mining" in its title before returning it to the rank and file with its recommendation.

Divorce Advertising a Crime.

It is gratifying to note that some member of the present legislature has the nerve to oppose the pet hobby of the Reno populace. A bill now being in the hands of the printer that will make of the advertising of divorce a crime. With the adoption of such a measure, and it is to be hoped that the governing body will enact the bill into a law, a number of the shysters, already discredited by the legitimate members of the legal profession, will be forced to the wall. Denied the opportunity of advising the matrimonial tired that they can sell the needed relief for the paltry sum of \$15—then, when the victim is in their power charging any figure they may please—they will have no leg on which to stand.

Reno is to be congratulated, provided this most commendable law is adopted. She will be well rid of the side-lights of a noble profession.

Waugh: Girls, It's Awful.

Salter of Ormsby will never be returned to the assembly if the equal suffrage bill should become a law. Why? For the reason that the horried man has introduced a bill that will compel our fair sisters, when applying for a marriage license, to 'fess up just how old she is. To tell whether or not she has been married before. And just think of it, how often, and to whom? Aside from these few features, which effect the gentler sex, the bill is one that is most meritorious.

The recall is being worked overtime in Washington at the present writing. Seattle has recently rid herself of an undesirable mayor, and now Tacoma is in the limelight with preliminary work towards the subsequent recalling of four of her commissioners. Another faction has already attempted the recall of the mayor of Tacoma, and should the two propositions be successful, the entire city government will be looking for a job. The specific charges brought are incompetency, failure to enforce the law and general neglect of duty. Looks like there might be some sense to that commission form of handling cities.

Russia, not satisfied with the result of the recent unpleasantness with Japan, in which the former received a well-deserved trouncing, is now making ugly faces at the peaceful Chinese. In an ultimatum issued by the Russian government China is asked to make immediate compliance, on pain of the immediate cessation of friendly relations. Better beware lest the wily Celestial becomes real mad and starts something.

According to telegraphic advices from the seat of the trouble—an almost bloodless war—it develops that almost all the wounded, both federal and insurrectos, have been shot in the back. This news recalls a certain Colonel Roosevelt episode at the battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American war, in which the Spaniards were likewise wounded.

There is something timely about the propaganda for the fast cure advanced by Upton Sinclair and others—now that food products are soaring in price.

STOCK MARKET

The following quotations were furnished the Bonanza by H. E. Epstine, broker:

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Montana92
Tonopah Ex. 1.00	1.05	...
MacNamara15
Midway14
Belmont 5.95	6.00	...
North Star05
West End	..... .51	...	...
Rescue	..... .08	...	...
Jim Butler	..... .27	...	...
Mizpah Ex.	..... .45	...	...
Nevada Hills	..... 2.35	2.40	...
GOLDFIELD.			
Goldfield Con.	..... 6.55	6.60	...
Booth	..... .05	...	...
Blue Bull	..... .03	...	...
Atlanta	..... .12	...	...
Florence	..... 1.80	1.85	...
Comb. Fraction	..... .11	...	...
Kewanas	..... .05	...	...
Spearhead	..... .05	...	...
Jumbo Ex.	..... .28	...	...
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Pitts. Silver Peak75
Manhattan Con.03
Man. Dexter04
Man. Big Four09
Man. Mustang03

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Montana90	...
Tonopah Ex. 1.04	1.06
MacNamara14	...
Midway14	...
Belmont 8.12 1/2	8.25
West End51	...
Jim Butler	..... .27 1/2	...
Goldfield Con.	..... 6.50	6.62 1/2
Mizpah Ex.	..... .45	...

SALES.

Forenoon.	
2000 MacNamara	..... \$ .15
500 Rescue	..... .09
Afternoon.	
400 Tonopah Mining	..... 8.30
100 Tonopah Mining	..... 8.35
2500 North Star	..... .05
2500 MacNamara	..... .14
100 Belmont	..... 5.95
400 West End	..... .51
500 West End	..... .52

NEBRASKA PROFESSOR COMMITTS SUICIDE

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 17.—F. J. Phillips, professor of forestry at the state university, committed suicide at his home early yesterday by inhaling gas. He left three letters, one of which was addressed to his wife instructing her how to notify the proper officers when the body was discovered. The other letters were addressed to the chief of police and coroner.

OUTLAW BROTHERS HAVE FATAL DUEL

WEBB CITY, Mo., Feb. 17.—Two brothers, the only survivors of the famous "Cherokee Bill" gang of outlaws, which once flourished in Oklahoma, met here in a finish fight at midnight and Bill Stidham killed his brother Ike in a quarrel involving the relations of Bill's son with Ike's.

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PERSONAL MENTION

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 W. E. Gore of San Francisco is registered at the Mizpah.
 Messrs. Whiteman and Highler returned from Goldfield on today's train.
 Congressman-elect E. E. Roberts returned to Carson City on this morning's train.
 Mrs. Meder was a passenger on the morning train on a visit to Carson City.
 District Attorney Sanders left Tonopah today for a visit in Reno and Carson City.
 O. N. Pryce, representative of the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa., is a guest at the Mizpah.
 Sheriff Ed Malley left this morning for Manhattan to take charge of a prisoner and attend to other business connected with his office.

SNOW FALLS IN HILLS SURROUNDING HAYWARD

HAYWARD, Cal., Feb. 17.—Snow fell in the hills back of Castro Valley yesterday morning, and the unusual occurrence caused the school children to hasten into the hills as soon as their lessons were over for the day. They were joined later by their elders, and many snowball battle and much gaiety ensued. The cold air of the afternoon kept the snow from melting.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Archdeacon Hazlett will hold services in the Episcopal church next Sunday, February 19, as follows: Holy communion and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. A special musical program will be rendered and a very cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend both the services.

NOTICE F. & A. M.

TONOPAH LODGE, NO. 28, F. & A. M., will hold a stated communication this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock at Butler Hall. Work in third degree. All members are requested to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited to be present. By order of the W. M.
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